

April 9, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 2020 initiating formal consultation on the *Emergencies Act*. As I have indicated in conversations with Deputy Prime Minister, Chrystia Freeland, and in our recent teleconferences among First Ministers, Saskatchewan does not believe it is necessary or advisable to invoke the Act at this time.

My officials are undertaking analysis of the specific proposals you outlined in the Annex to your letter. Saskatchewan will share its formal, written submission next week, per your request. Our analysis to date raises no indication of the need for this measure. I would appreciate any further specifics you can share on the gaps you see that make the Act necessary. I remain confident that provinces, territories and the federal government have the capacity, through their respective jurisdictions and existing authorities, to effectively manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

This, of course, will require continued coordination among all parties and continued, candid dialogue. Saskatchewan has appreciated the tremendous 'Team Canada' effort that has been put forth by all jurisdictions in the approach to this crisis. To that end, I fear that publicly pursuing the *Emergencies Act* may give the impression that our governments are not working together effectively and may inadvertently undermine the significant collaboration currently underway. You have my commitment to maintain the strong working relationship that we have cultivated as we face the challenges of COVID-19 together. I hope to keep that focus on our cooperative efforts, as opposed to showing any indication of division.

I look forward to our dialogue on this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott Moe
Premier of Saskatchewan

cc: Cam Swan, Deputy Minister to the Premier
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada